



# AMEDDC&S NEWSLETTER

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## 32nd Medical Brigade annual Labor Day Run



Maj. Michael Smith, Executive Officer, 264th Medical Battalion celebrates as he and his staff complete the 2 1/2 mile Labor Day Run Aug. 30.

See page 3 for more photos.



From left, Maj. Richard Velazquez, LTC Jon VanSteen-vort, Col. John Fristoe, and CSM Jayme Johnson, 32nd Medical Brigade leaders led more than 2500 students and staff and cadre assigned to Headquarters Company, the 187th, 264 and 232nd Medical Battalions in an early morning Labor Day Run Aug. 30.

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### Spiritual fitness

Comprehensive Soldier Fitness (CSF) has five dimensions of strength. The fifth dimension is Spiritual. It's important to exercise our spiritual life to stay in shape. A very important part of our spiritual life is prayer. Certain times, such as a crisis, prayer seems important. It may be difficult if we haven't exercised our prayer life on a regular basis. Here are five suggestions to help develop an effective prayer life. First, be well rounded; pray for personal requests, requests for others, and thanksgiving. Second, be systematic; establish a pattern for when, where, and how. Third, be consistent; routine helps. Fourth, be specific. And fifth, be persistent. Prayer is a very powerful tool in our spiritual life that helps keep us spiritually fit. Don't forget to stay Army Strong spiritually.

**CHAP(COL) Daniel Moll , AMEDDC&S Chaplain**



## Debboun educates AMEDDC&S staff and faculty about West Nile Virus

On August 30, at Blesse Auditorium, Col. Mustapha Debboun, who holds a PhD in Medical & Veterinary Entomology and is the Chief of the Department of Preventive Health Services, provided the US Army Medical Department Center & School staff and faculty and other guests a presentation on the West Nile Virus (WNV) highlighting the history of the virus, WNV mosquito vectors, particularly *Culex quinquefasciatus*, the southern house mosquito which is the vector in San Antonio. Debboun spoke about the current WNV cases in the United States and Texas, and addressed precautions and personal protective measures to prevent mosquito bites.

Debboun said, "WNV is most closely related to another mosquito-borne disease known as the Japanese encephalitis and we are a few years away from having a human WNV vaccine."

Below are examples of products that are safe to use and effective at repelling mosquitoes that carry the West Nile Virus:

- Ultrathon (NSN 6840-01-284-3982), 33% controlled-release DEET lotion, one application protects for 12 hours.
- Ultra 30 Insect Repellent Lotion (NSN 6840-01-584-8393), contains 30% Lipo DEET, the formulation is not as greasy and one application protects for up to 12 hours.
- Cutter pump spray (NSN 6840-01-584-8598), contains 23% DEET, one application protects for up to 8 hours.
- Cutter Outdoorsman Insect Repellent Stick (NSN 6840-00-142-8965), contains 30% DEET, is a solid formulation, one application protects for up to 8 hours.
- Sunsect lotion (NSN 6840-01-288-2188), combines 20% DEET and 15 SPF sunscreen.
- Camouflage Face Paint (CFP) with 30% DEET (NSN 6840-01-493-7334).

**NOTE:** Do not apply repellent to the eyes or lips, or to sensitive or damaged skin.



Standard military insect repellents for use on exposed skin come in a variety of formulations (left). All standard skin repellents contain the active ingredient DEET and are registered by the USEPA. These products are safe to use and effective at repelling mosquitoes that carry the West Nile virus.

**32nd Medical Brigade Labor Day Run.** On Aug. 30 the quiet early morning sounds were replaced by the sounds of cadence and music as more than 2500 Soldiers and cadre assigned to the 32nd Medical Brigade prepared for their annual Labor Day Run through the streets of historic Fort Sam Houston. The 2 1/2 mile run began at MacArthur Field where all the battalions assembled on the field to hear Col. John Fristoe, commander for the brigade say a few words of encouragement before the run.



## 32ND MEDICAL BRIGADE HIGHLIGHTS



C Co, 187th Medical Battalion attended the San Antonio Missions Appreciation Day baseball game on July 25. Charlie Company was in full force at the game with over 120 Initial Entry Training Soldiers in attendance.



**Event Highlight:** Charlie Company conducted a promotion ceremony on the field during the bottom of the first inning. Private Williamson and Private Caple were promoted and received a standing ovation.



**Staff Sgt. Patrick Ysaquirre**  
F Company, 232nd Medical  
Battalion

**Event Highlights:** On his way home from a long day serving as a Platoon Sergeant with F Company, 232D Medical Battalion, SSG Patrick Ysaquirre witnessed a motor vehicle accident involving 2 vehicles and several injured civilians. SSG Ysaquirre is a trained EMT and being one of the first persons on the scene wasted no time taking action. He immediately ran over to the over-turned vehicle and began C-Spine support on the injured occupant. Once more help arrived and the patient was deemed non-emergent, SSG Ysaquirre turned his attention to the second smaller vehicle that had sustained significant damage. The occupant of the second vehicle needed to be extricated and SSG Ysaquirre assisted with this procedure. After all patients were clear of debris and carnage he began providing treatment for non-life threatening injuries. SSG Ysaquirre used items found at the crash site to immobilize a fractured arm and stayed at the scene until all patients were evacuated. SSG Ysaquirre's actions on that day exemplifies the Warrior Ethos and stands as a testament to the resolve and bravery of our fine AMEDD NCO's.





### **A Company, 264th Medical Battalion**

**Event Highlights:** Col Carnazza & Mr Jeff Warren were each presented with an order of Saint Michael (bronze award); the awards were presented by the outgoing MEDEVAC proponent director, Col Mitchell. The award was established as a joint venture between the Army Aviation Association of America and the US Army Aviation Center to recognize individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of army aviation in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipient's seniors, subordinates, and peers. These individuals must also demonstrate the highest standards of integrity and moral character, display an outstanding degree of professional competence, and serve the United States Army aviation or civilian aviation community with distinction.

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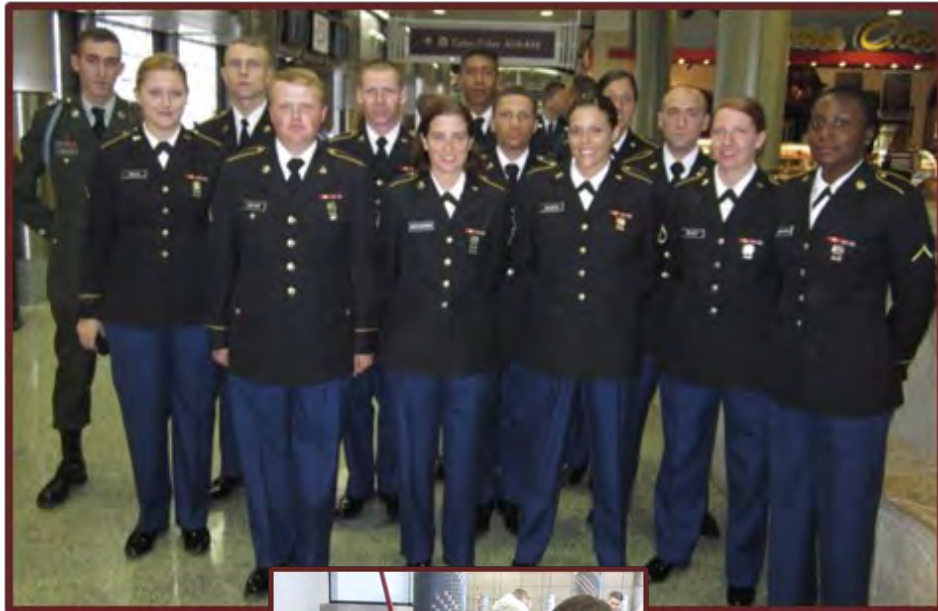


### **B Company, 264th Medical Battalion participate in Habitat for Humanity**

**Event Highlights:** The Soldiers and Cadre of B Company, 264<sup>th</sup> Medical Battalion, participated in Habitat for Humanity sponsored event on August 11. There were 39 IET Soldiers with cadre who volunteered their time to help complete construction projects on three new homes on the south side of San Antonio. Following a safety briefing given by the project manager the Soldiers were broken down into three different teams. They worked on roof construction, putting up siding, and lastly installing interior framing. The Soldiers were highly motivated, willingly gave up their time for those in need, and put the Bravo Company "Bronco Stamp" on a very important community project. By volunteering their time, it moved the project two weeks ahead of schedule, and moved up the anticipated move-in date for the families. The selfless service highlighted the day by B Co 264th Medical Battalion Soldiers who demonstrated motivation, technical competence, Esprit de Corps, and leadership echoing the concept, "One team, One fight!" and "Answering the Call,...Anytime, Anywhere!"

## G Co, 232nd MED BN Alamo Honor Flight Volunteers

IET Soldiers assigned to G Company, 232nd Medical Battalion took time out from their busy schedule to visit with veterans at the San Antonio International Airport Aug 10. The veterans were on their way to Washington DC for a tour of the monuments. The tours are sponsored by Alamo Honor Flight Volunteers, an organization that offers free tours for veterans to visit Washington DC. The Soldiers participated in the send off ceremony.





## Antiterrorism Awareness Month



The Army's antiterrorism program protects personnel, information, property and facilities against terrorist activities.

Terrorism is an enduring, persistent worldwide threat. We all have a responsibility to maintain heightened awareness and vigilance to prevent and protect our people and facilities from acts of terrorism. That level of awareness and vigilance is our most certain defense against terrorists.

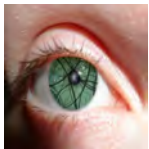
Remember that we are all sensors. We are empowered to take prevention measures by continuously being aware of and reporting suspicious activity. Our G2 staff is always available to assist with antiterrorism, physical security and operations security assessments and they take your reports about suspicious items or activities very seriously.

It is important to integrate AT, Operations Security and Information Assurance in our work products and activities, especially as we represent the Army Medical Department Center and School publishing research, presenting briefings at conferences and employing electronic devices to conduct our command missions.



I encourage you to be particularly alert to, and aware, of cyber threats since we depend on a variety of electronic devices to accomplish our work and manage our personal lives.

Protect passwords, remove your CAC when not using the computer and never transmit or discuss classified material unless in a secure mode or environment.



See something, say something because someone is depending on you. Remember: 1-800-CALL-SPY. Our best protection against terrorism is to be always ready, always alert.

PHILIP VOLPE  
Major General, USA

JAMES E. DIGGS  
Command Sergeant Major



**ARMY MEDICAL DEPARTMENT  
CENTER & SCHOOL**



# Honoring Women In Military & Civilian Service

## August 26, 2012

Forty years ago, the U.S. Congress designated Aug. 26 as Women's Equality Day to commemorate giving women the right to vote with the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. As American citizens we are guaranteed certain freedoms and unalienable rights. One of these rights is the ability to participate equally and freely in our government. So the 19th Amendment is truly a hallmark in our national history by granting women the right to vote.

On this day we also acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of women for their military and civilian service to the U.S. Army and the Army Medical Department and remember their sacrifices while fighting for our freedom and their right to be an equal part of our Nation and our Army.

Throughout our Army's history, women warriors have demonstrated their patriotism and fighting spirit. They have proven the heart of a warrior is not limited to one gender. When freedom is threatened, women warriors are equal to any task. When their country calls, they respond - not in gender-hyphenated roles - but as U.S. Army Soldiers.



Women such as Dr. Mary Walker, the only woman to earn a Medal of Honor, Mary Ludwig Hays McCauley ("Molly Pitcher"), who replaced her husband when he collapsed at his cannon, and Oveta Culp Hobby, Director of the WAAC who championed the establishment of the Women's Army Corps, have continually proven that the narrow stereotype of women's abilities, limiting their choice of occupation, was wrong.

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have seen the highest numbers of combat-related awards ever seen in the Army.

Through the end of fiscal year 2011, 437 women earned awards for valor to include two Silver Stars, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, 31 Air Medals, 16 Bronze Stars, and 5,567 Combat Action Badges.



Women play a vital role in the Army today, holding positions in more than 93 percent of military occupations. They are Soldiers who contribute to our Army's rich history. They are valuable civilian employees, administrators, analysts, managers, scientists, and technicians. They are doctors, pilots, mechanics, military police officers, and engineers.

More than 6,141 women serve in our Army Medical Department officer corps and 10,655 women are represented in our enlisted corps. These figures represent 37 percent of officers and 26 percent of our enlisted corps. More than 265,000 women are employed by the Department of Defense.

During the month of August, and especially on August 26, celebrating Women's Equality Day provides us an opportunity to recognize the Exceptional contributions of women to our Army Medical Department.

Their service and dedication keep us Army Strong.

**PHILIP VOLPE**  
**Major General, USA**  
**Commanding**

**JAMES E. DIGGS**  
**Command Sergeant Major**  
**U. S. Army**

## Post observes Women's Equality Day



Col. Randy Story (left), assistant chief of staff for logistics, Southern Regional Medical Command and Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Pumphrey (right), Brooke Army Medical Center Troop Command, present retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Sandra Townsend a proclamation signed by the City of San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro proclaiming August 26 as Women's Equality Day. Townsend received the proclamation and a framed stamp commemorating Abigail Adams from Charles Shelby as an appreciation for her participation as keynote speaker at

the installation Women's Equality Observance Day ceremony held Aug. 15 at the Roadrunner Community Center.

Retired Army Command Sgt. Maj. Sandra Townsend entered the Army as a member of the Women's Army Corps in November 1973. During her remarks Townsend highlighted the struggles of women and men who helped pass the 19th Amendment in the United States Constitution granting women the right to vote. She also spoke about her experiences as a woman in the military.

"The purpose of observances like this are to make everyone aware of how far we have come, and I am encouraged by the turnout of young people in attendance today," said Townsend. When I talk to young Soldiers about the past, they are amazed."

Townsend said over the past seven generations dramatic social and legal changes have been accomplished and are so accepted that they go unnoticed by people who lives have literally changed, yet many younger people can hardly believe that life was anything other than it is today and they take it in stride.

Townsend said, "The staggering changes for women regarding family life, religion, government, employment, and education over the past seven generations did not just happen spontaneously, nor have women been passive recipients of these changes in law. Instead, women and men, please remember that, we could not have these battles alone, but women and men, came together to effect these changes through petition drives, lobbying, and non-violence resistance."

"It's been a long long battle and we've come a long way, but there is still a lot to do," said Townsend.

Townsend, who retired as the CSM for MEDCOM currently works at Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, Texas, as an ombudsman, providing support to warriors in transition and their families.

**In celebration of Women's Equality Day, below are two stories about two very different women in the military currently assigned to the Army Medical Department Center and School. These are just two of the many patriotic and brave women in Army Medicine and around the world who are serving their country.**



**SGM Janie McCoy**  
**AHS, Office of the Dean**  
**Senior Enlisted Instructor**

When SGM Janie McCoy entered the military in 1981 she had no intentions of staying in very long, and before her first reenlistment, as an E4, she sold all her leave days even though her friends were trying to convince her not to sell.

McCoy was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. where she lived with her parents and with her two sisters and three brothers. She was the oldest of the six children.

"I was the mother figure which I think predestined me for the military. I take a lot of the younger soldiers under my wing and I feel responsible for them," said the Ser-

geant Major.

McCoy was 13 years old when she got her first job, and she only worked because she wanted her own money. Through a program in her school she learned how to putty and plaster and hang doors.

"It was a facsimile of Habitat for Humanity," said McCoy. "But I got paid. I don't remember how much, but I used to eat like a man because I was starving due to working in the hot sun."

She now has a special place in her heart for construction workers.

Her first professional job was working for one of her college professors at a home for the mentally challenged.

"It was very rewarding and I often think where I would be if I had stayed in that field," said McCoy.

McCoy decided one day to join the military.

She said, "I came in the military because of that slogan, 'Be All You Can Be'. I used to be very impulsive. I always used to ask for forgiveness as opposed to permission."

Her family did not think she would make the first six weeks in basic training in the military because of the type of personality she had.

McCoy said her personality revealed itself when she was asked to pick up cigarette butts during basic training by her drill sergeant, and, since she has always been a non-smoker, she told him that she "was not going to pick up any stinkin' cigarette butts."

"Needless to say, not only did I pick up cigarette butts but was in a dumpster 'Gling' it all evening," a smiling McCoy said.

McCoy said she got into a lot of trouble at basic training.

"I didn't like anybody telling me what to do, but my drill sergeant and my senior drill sergeant, planted that seed. I truly believe that it takes a village to raise a child and an Army to raise a soldier because the seed that they planted for me was that if I stuck around I would make it," McCoy said.

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She said, "I had no idea what they were talking about, but it stuck. Every time I got into trouble I went from being in a squad, to a squad leader to being a platoon guide and actually they held me over in basic training to be an assistant drill sergeant as a private, which had a profound effect on me," continued McCoy.

"I know everybody doesn't necessarily need a second chance, but everyone should be given an opportunity to be given a chance to change, and if the seed is planted early there is hope for them," McCoy said.

McCoy's first assignment after basic training was Fort Lewis, Washington and after a few glitches because she was placed in the wrong MOS (as a cook) she had the opportunity to go from the rank of E1 to the rank of E6.

McCoy said she cannot remember the first time she reenlisted.

She said, "But it is truly amazing. I said through the grace of God it was meant to be, because I know first and foremost He is my provider and I put Him above everyone else. I can say that the military saved my life, because when I look back in retrospect, there are a lot of individuals that were in my life in the past that are no longer there, and as a female and as a minority, and as a female coming up in the military I experienced a lot of things that other people may not have experienced."

McCoy said during her time programs such as SHARP or sexual assault programs did not exist.

She said, "I think individuals are being more educated now. I had the pleasure of having served under then MEDCOM CSM Sandra Townsend, who snatched me from Brooke Army Medical Center and assigned me as the MEDCOM EO SGM for three years."

McCoy said, "My only regret leaving the military is that there weren't enough soldiers that I could have touched."

After 32 years of military service McCoy is a survivor. She said the military has come a long way. Her advice for new Soldiers, females and males, is to provide more intervention educating and enlightening Soldiers that there are resources available to help them but to also educate the young Soldiers about the different cultures in the military.

McCoy is married and has one daughter and three grandchildren. She said she would never have completed her military service without her husband who is very supportive and always took care of business when she was deployed.

"He took care of everything. I never had to worry about anything, and he is still taking care of me, because I am now spoiled," she said.

McCoy's other assignments include Honduras, Fort Drum, three tours in Germany and one year to Afghanistan on a special assignment with a unit out of Europe.

McCoy said, "I have realized over the years, it doesn't matter if you have a Phd or you are an individual who has a photographic memory, people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care, and once they know how much you care, they want to know how much you know."

McCoy retires October 2012 and the AMEDDC&S wishes her good luck as she embarks on the next chapter of her life.

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## Colonel Noreen Murphy Deputy Chief, Veterinary Corps & CSBPO

Colonel Noreen Murphy wasn't born in Texas but got here as fast as she could. Growing up in Plano Texas, one of three girls, her parents instilled in the sisters the belief they could become whatever they wanted to.

Murphy loved both animals and medicine and decided to combine the two for a career in veterinary medicine. She received her Bachelor's of Agriculture from Texas State University and attended the University of Florida for veterinary college. Her senior year of veterinary college, an AMEDD recruiter intrigued Murphy by the possibilities offered by the [US Army Veterinary Corps](#). She was even more interested when he said there was an opening at

Patrick Air Force Base (Army veterinarians work at all installations where there are Military Working Dogs) in Cocoa Beach, only a few hours down the road.

Laughing, Murphy said, "I would love to live at the beach."

She figured she would just do the obligatory 3 years gaining clinical experience but enjoyed it so much she stayed for a career. Murphy enthusiastically explained Army veterinarians ensure the health of military working dogs and service members' pets including preventive medicine, contagious and zoonotic disease control.

"We are also involved in public health; ensuring the subsistence procured for the military is from approved sources; wholesome and not contaminated-intentionally or not," said Murphy.

While stationed at Patrick Air Force Base, she vacationed in Italy and found out an Army post was near Venice. Upon her return to the States, she asked if she could be stationed there next. The answer was yes and one year later, she found herself living in Northern Italy-the mission being essentially the same-except working all over Europe, including Spain, France, Turkey, Germany, the United Kingdom. Over the years, she went back to Florida for her continuing education and spent time with her classmates who were astonished at all the places in Europe she had worked.

"Some of them were frustrated at the constant stress of trying to make a significant profit for their bosses. My job was to support the Service Members while breaking even," she said.

After receiving her Master's in Public Health, completing a 2 year program in one year from the University of South Florida, Murphy was recruited to the AMEDDC&S, Department of Veterinary Science working with Officer Basic Course students.

"I found that energizing and fun," said Murphy.

After one year at the Dept. of Veterinary Science, the CSBPO at the time recruited her where her duties included recruiting, retention and officer professional development.

"A lot of the same things I'm doing now but as the major," Murphy said.

Murphy said veterinary medicine is now graduating largely all female classes, sometimes it is 95 percent female.

"Veterinary medicine is a growth industry" she said.

Murphy said, "A lot of jobs in the civilian sector, you might get a little bored, but in the military you have different opportunities every few years. It's fantastic, I love it. Everything has really fallen into place for me."

And you can't help but be happy for Murphy, who has 18 years of military service and has no plans to retire any time soon.

"I know that America is the greatest nation on earth. It's a beautiful thing to serve," Murphy proudly says.

Murphy has been married 6 years to her Marine colonel husband who retired last year.

"I am grateful to my husband for all his professional advice; he is a true patriot who served 29 years. I am proud of him" said Murphy.

Murphy's hobbies include surfing (learned while stationed at Cocoa Beach) and horseback riding. She loves horses as evident by the various horse posters decorating her office. She stays in shape by running, doing sit ups and pushups.

Referring to keeping in shape Murphy said, "It is important for my mental, physical, and emotional health."

Murphy's last words were "God Bless America. Get your education, and consider the military as a viable option. Even if you only serve a couple of years, you are giving back to your country."

## Women's Rights Movement in the U.S.

### Timeline of Key Events in the American Women's Rights Movement 1848–1920

Discover the key events of the women's rights movement in the United States. This timeline covers the years of 1848 to 1920, which includes the famed women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y., the formation of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, and the passage of the nineteenth amendment to the Constitution, giving women the right to vote.

1848—The first women's rights convention is held in Seneca Falls, New York. After 2 days of discussion and debate, 68 women and 32 men sign a [Declaration of Sentiments](#), which outlines grievances and sets the agenda for the women's rights movement. A set of 12 resolutions is adopted calling for equal treatment of women and men under the law and voting rights for women.

1850—The first National Women's Rights Convention takes place in [Worcester, Mass.](#), attracting more than 1,000 participants. National conventions are held yearly (except for 1857) through 1860.

1869 May—[Susan B. Anthony](#) and [Elizabeth Cady Stanton](#) form the National Woman Suffrage Association. The primary goal of the organization is to achieve voting rights for women by means of a Congressional [amendment](#) to the [Constitution](#).

Nov. [Lucy Stone](#), [Henry Blackwell](#), and others form the American Woman Suffrage Association. This group focuses exclusively on gaining [voting rights for women](#) through amendments to individual state constitutions.

Dec. 10 The territory of [Wyoming](#) passes the first women's suffrage law. The following year, women begin serving on juries in the territory.

1890—The National Women Suffrage Association and the American Women Suffrage Association merge to form the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). As the movement's mainstream organization, NAWSA wages state-by-state campaigns to obtain voting rights for women.

1893—[Colorado](#) is the first state to adopt an amendment granting women the right to vote. [Utah](#) and [Idaho](#) follow suit in 1896, [Washington](#) State in 1910, [California](#) in 1911, [Oregon](#), [Kansas](#), and [Arizona](#) in 1912, [Alaska](#) and [Illinois](#) in 1913, [Montana](#) and [Nevada](#) in 1914, [New York](#) in 1917; [Michigan](#), [South Dakota](#), and [Oklahoma](#) in 1918.

1896—The National Association of Colored Women is formed, bringing together more than 100 black women's clubs. Leaders in the black women's club movement include Josephine St. Pierre Ruffin, [Mary Church Terrell](#), and Anna Julia Cooper.

1903—The National Women's Trade Union League (WTUL) is established to advocate for improved wages and working conditions for women.

1913—[Alice Paul](#) and Lucy Burns form the Congressional Union to work toward the passage of a federal amendment to give women the vote. The group is later renamed the National Women's Party. Members picket the [White House](#) and practice other forms of civil disobedience.

1916—[Margaret Sanger](#) opens the first U.S. birth-control clinic in Brooklyn, N.Y. Although the clinic is shut down 10 days later and Sanger is arrested, she eventually wins support through the courts and opens another clinic in [New York City](#) in 1923.

1919—The federal woman suffrage amendment, originally written by [Susan B. Anthony](#) and introduced in [Congress](#) in 1878, is passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate. It is then sent to the states for ratification.

1920—The Women's Bureau of the [Department of Labor](#) is formed to collect information about women in the workforce and safeguard good working conditions for women. Aug. 26—The 19th [Amendment to the Constitution](#), granting women the right to vote, is signed into law by Secretary of State [Bainbridge Colby](#).

Source:

Read more: [Women's Rights Movement in the U.S.: Timeline of Events \(1848-1920\) — Infoplease.com](#)  
<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/womenstimeline1.html#ixzz25oAd8Y6k>

## August History Bites



**12 August 1954** – A six-mule train team was temporarily assigned to Fort Sam Houston from Camp Carson, Colorado for use in the ROTC Veterinary Training Program.

**18 August 1954** – The Bell Helicopter Corporation debuted its new H-13 ambulance at the MFSS. The new ambulance helicopter was designed to convert between carrying cargo and patients.

**10 August 1961** - The largest single group of Army Veterinary Corps officers to train at the MFSS arrived in August 1961. Three BAMC field tents replicating a small animal ward were established at Camp Bullis. There, sentry dogs from Lackland Air Force base played the role of simulated casualties for the veterinarians to work on.

**31 August 1961** - Dr James W. Nixon, a San Antonio surgeon, and Chief Surgical

Consultant to the Office of the Surgeon General discussed the quality of Russian physicians drawn from his own experiences performing surgery at Russian Hospitals at an orientation course at the MFSS. The 350 students in attendance were probably most surprised to hear that 75% of the 18,000 Russian physicians trained per year were women in comparison to the scant 7,000 women physician graduated in the United States that year.

**16 August 1962** - CAPT Alba F. Zanin, the first woman to complete the Army Dental Internship program, became the second woman dentist to enter the Army. In August of 1962 she was the only woman out of a class of 500 men to attend a basic military orientation course.

**14 August 1964** - Seven special "study cubicles" to make research and study a lot easier were introduced to students and faculty members of the MFSS in August of 1964. Each cubicle, devoted to a specific disease entity and equipped with panels that detailed various aspects of each disease, were designed to decrease the time students would have to spend compiling data. They were installed in the library as a training aid for the preventive medicine department.

**13 August 1967** - The MFSS had the most modern and complete color closed circuit television system in any military establishment. The system was operated and maintained by a staff of 15 and nearly 300 receivers were installed in a 100 classrooms as training aids for over 15,000 military personnel annually.

**29 August 1968** - A tour designed to emphasize career possibilities at Ft. Sam Houston was conducted for 106 economically disadvantaged student aides hired at BAMC under the Youth Opportunity Program. Various stations located at BAMC, the MFSS, and other post departments offered a 30 minute orientation concerning their areas. The tour gave students the opportunity to look at various career possibilities which they may have not been familiar.

**15 August 1969** -MSG Tanner, who served as an SF instructor at the MFSS schoolhouse was one of three military medical aid men who served as an emergency response team in case of an emergency during the launch at Cape Kennedy, Florida in 1969. Stationed in three specially equipped armored personnel carriers, the members of the Pad Egress Team were there to respond to any fire or explosion that would have called for the rescue of the astronauts while on the launch pad.

**26 August 1971**- The MFSS Physical Therapy Program was approved for a Master's Degree by Baylor University under the U.S. Army-Baylor University affiliation.

**10 August 1972** - The Army's first woman pharmacist, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Verena A. M. Haynes, Army Medical Department, attended the Basic Course at the MFSS. ("First to go," Patriot, 10 August 1972)

**4 August 1977** - For the first time, all faculty members and students at the AHS were required to receive training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

**August 1981** - The first group of Army physician's assistant students to become Warrant Officers during training graduated from AHS in 1981. The 55 students received the rank of WO1 after completing their didactic training at the Academy. After another 12 months of OJT, these graduates were given an option to select a four or six year obligation. Those who choose a six year obligation were appointed to the Chief Warrant Officer 2 rank.

## RADIO PERSONALITIES TELL THE AMEDDC&S STORY

Tune in to 930 AM on KLUP radio every Saturday morning at 8 a.m. for the Military City USA program. Chances are members of staff, faculty or senior leaders of the AMEDD and AMEDD Center and School will be guests on this talk show that features topics related to the missions of more than 200 military missions in San Antonio. The AMEDD Center and School is featured prominently on the radio show with guest appearances. This month features Col. Richard Gonzales, LTC John Ruibal and LTC Lori Sigrist. The podcast web site for live and archive shows is at <http://www.klup.com/Podcast.aspx?showid=78>. Check it out!



**Left, LTC Lori Sigrist, Director, Graduate Program in Nutrition, Graduate School**



**Right, LTC John Ruibal, Deputy Director and Graduate Faculty, US Military-Baylor Graduate Program in Nutrition**



**Right, COL Richard Gonzales, consultant to the TSG and Director, Army Blood Program and Blood Bank Consultant, Office of The Surgeon General**

## Congratulations! Civilian of the Quarter Winners Announced



**Gregg Stevens presents the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service to Joan Redding, Medical Capabilities Integration Center, Category III winner. All winners received the Achievement Medal with certificate during a presentation Aug. 28 at the Town Hall meeting in Blesse Auditorium.**



**Frederick Gates with G4 is the Category II winner.**

**Donalda Smith, with Defense Medical Readiness Training Institute is the Category I winner .**

During a town hall meeting on Aug. 28 the Civilian 2nd Quarter of the Year winners were recognized in front of their peers and presented with the Achievement Medal and certificate by Gregg Stevens, deputy to the commanding general, AMEDDC&S. The winners were selected based upon their contributions that enhanced their organization's accomplishment of the AMEDDC&S strategic objectives and mission, teamwork, or public image; their professional attitude toward self and others and a willingness to share credit with other team members; their commitment to excellence demonstrated by responsive public service, continuous improvement, and stewardship of resources; their personal initiative, creativity, and professionalism; and their customer service response. Nominees compete in three categories, Category I (Non-Supervisory, GS08, WG-11, WL09 and below); Category II (Non-supervisory GS09 to GS13; WG-12, WL-10 and above); and Category III (GS-14 and above; all supervisors and managers). Each winner received a reserved parking space for the quarter, a \$500 cash award, a 16 hour time off award, and the Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

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### **Army Civilian Education System (CES) Leader Development Update**

- The FY13 schedule is now available on the Army Management Staff College (AMSC) web site: <http://www.amsc.belvoir.army.mil/registrar/schedule/ces.jsp>
- FY12 classes filled up fast. If you applied in 2012 and received a 'wait confirmation' you must reapply for FY 2013
- Complete your Distributive Learning (DL) portion and then apply for the resident phase.

### **Local CES Courses in FY2013**

MEDCOM and IMCOM are co-sponsoring 3 CES courses here in San Antonio in FY2013. MEDCOM has 26 to 27 seats for each Basic Course and 15 seats for the Intermediate Course. These courses will be offered to local students only and no TDY funds will be approved.

- Basic Course (1-250-C60) on 3-14 Jun 13 and 16-27 Sep 13
- Intermediate Course (1-250-C61) on 28 Jan – 15 Feb 13

Complete your DL phase and then register at CHRTAS: <https://atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrtas>.

### **CES Registration or Enrollment Problems?**

If you are experiencing any registration problems in CHRTAS or having trouble accessing your DL course-work, there is help available.

- Contact the Army Training Help Desk (ATHD) at: <https://athd.army.mil/> for assistance
- If you still have problems, contact HQ MEDCOM G37, Readiness, Training and Exercise Division:
  - MEDCOM.READINESS@amedd.army.mil
  - Mr. Ray Mendoza, (210) 221-7245
  - Ms. Rebekah Lindsay, (210) 221-8630

### **AMEDD Civilian Corps Board of Advisors**

#### **Be A Civilian Corps Advisor!**

The Civilian Corps Chief is establishing a Board of Advisors that will consist of 12 civilians from across the Command. We are looking for interested employees from all occupations and all experience levels to be members of this board. If selected, you will work with the Civilian Corps Chief and the staff of the Corps Specific Branch Proponent Office (CSBPO) to help shape the future of the Corps. You will learn about the Civilian Corps and the workings of the Corps Chief's office; gain hands-on experience identifying, working on, and providing input to Civilian Corps initiatives; and collaborate with other AMEDD Corps members, both civilian and military.

**How to Apply:** Send a short essay (250 words or less), with your commander's endorsement. In the essay, explain why you want to become an Advisor to the Civilian Corps, what you would bring to the Board and the Corps, and what you will take back to your organization and fellow Corps members should you be selected.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: 19 September 2012**

Link to the Civilian Corps website under "What's New" to download a submission form: <https://ameddciviliancorps.amedd.army.mil/CivilianCorps.aspx?ID=be93978f-6015-4937-aa93-e132b291177f>. You can email your completed submission or send any questions to: [Civilian.Corps.Chief@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Civilian.Corps.Chief@amedd.army.mil). Please include "Board of Advisors" in the subject line.

## Command Calendar

### Sep

14	0900	US Army South Change of Command Location: MacArthur Parade Field MG Simeon Trombitas, Commander MG Frederick Rudesheim, Incoming Commander GEN Douglas Fraser, Host
18		Dr. Patrick Mason Director, Human Performance Training, and Biosystems (HPT&B) Directorate - Office of The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (AMEDDC&S - MCIC)
18		Hiring Heroes Career Fair Location: Sam Houston Community Center
*20 afternoon		Delegation from Mexico - (5) (AMEDDC&S) - POC: ARNORTH
19-22		MG NAM Taik Seo Commanding General, Armed Forces Medical Command - Republic of Korean (5) (AMEDDC&S/METC/BAMC)
20	1700	AMEDDC&S Commander's Reception for Senior Leaders Course Location: Sam Houston Club
*25	1530	LTG (Ret) Frank Ledford Physician Assistant Post-Graduate Research Award Ceremony Location: BAMC Auditorium Awards presented by: LTG Frank Ledford US Army Retired The 37 <sup>th</sup> Surgeon General
*25		LTG Thomas P. Bostick Commanding General, US Army Corps of Engineers (MEDCOM)
25	1700	AMEDDC&S Commander's Reception for Captain's Career Course Location: Sam Houston Club

**Sep (Cont'd)**

26	1700	AMEDDC&S Commander's Reception for Basic Officers Leaders Course (BOLC) Location: Sam Houston Club
26-30		Silver Caduceus Association Reunion Location: SATX <a href="http://www.silvercadeusassociation.com">www.silvercadeusassociation.com</a>
*27		Army Suicide Prevention Stand Down Day
28	0900	Fort Sam Houston Consolidated Monthly Retirement Ceremony Location: FSH Quadrangle
28	0900	Dedication of the Medal of Honor Walk Location: AMEDD Museum Guest Speaker: LTG Patricia D. Horoho Commander, US Army Medical Command/The Surgeon General
29	0730	Annual Combat Medic Run Location: MacArthur Parade Field Hosted by: 32 <sup>nd</sup> Med Bde
30	1900	Fort Sam Houston Gazebo Concert Hosted by: MEDCOM Location: AMEDD Museum

**Upcoming Events/Special Observancies****September is Suicide Awareness Month**

*September 27 is suicide prevention stand-down for all Soldiers, Army Civilians and interested Family members. More information will be forthcoming regarding time and place for the stand down.*

*September 11 is Patriot Day*

*September 15 to October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month*

*September 21 is National POW/MIA Day*





The **Expert Field Medical Badge** is one of the most prestigious badges for AMEDD Soldiers. The EFMB is awarded to Soldiers that can successfully pass a 12-mile foot march, three combat lanes that test warrior and medical tasks simultaneous, day and night land navigation, and a written test. Annually, only about 17% of candidates that attempt EFMB are awarded this special skill badge. Leaders need to encourage their Soldiers to test for the EFMB. Training prior to attending EFMB is the most important factor that Leaders can do to help their Soldiers become part of this small percentage that has earned the badge.

For information on EFMB visit the EFMB Test Control Office website. (AKO Log-in required) <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/140048>



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